

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 1, lines 6-9, please replace the first paragraph and substitute the following

5 amended paragraph:

          This ~~present invention~~ application is a national stage filing of International Application No. PCT/US03/23111, filed on July 24, 2003, which ~~claims priority benefit~~ under 35 U.S.C Section 119(e) from U.S. Provisional Application Serial. No. 60/398,384 filed July 25, 2002, entitled "Dispersion Strengthened Bond Coats for Thermal Barrier Coatings and related Method and System thereof," the entire disclosures of which ~~is~~ are hereby incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.

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